

## **Draft Vision Statement – June 14, 2004**

It is the vision for the State of California to have a bulk transmission system that is planned, permitted, constructed, and operated in a manner that effectively balances the needs for a safe, reliable, cost-effective, and environmentally sensitive electricity system.

This vision is comprised of the following elements:

- It is coordinated with, and effectively considers, the needs of California's residential, commercial, and industrial customers;
- It is coordinated with, and effectively considers, the needs of local agencies, jurisdictions, and sovereignties;
- It encourages continuing beneficial interchanges with California's neighbors;
- It allows for the implementation of a portfolio approach to solving California's electricity requirements while contributing to a sustainable electricity future;
- It values strategic benefits when considering system upgrades, including the ability to respond to unpredictable future conditions;
- It encourages making low-cost investments now in order to preserve opportunities in the future, especially with respect to corridor planning and set-aside;
- It encourages continuous improvements through investments in transmission R&D (both hardware and software); and
- It promotes the application of the Garamendi siting principles to maximize efficient use of the existing transmission system.